

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-24 were previously pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23 and 24 contain patentable subject matter.

Claim Rejections

Claims 13-14 and 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0026943 to Dickopf et al. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Dickopf et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,870,627 to Elkind et al.

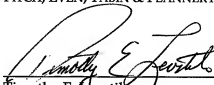
By this Amendment, rejected claims 1-2, 6, and 13-22 are canceled. Rejected claims 3-5 and 7-12 now depend directly or indirectly from allowed independent claim 23. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-5 and 7-12 are also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are novel and non-obvious. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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